

GOVERNOR ELISHA* BROWN HOUSE
537 North Main Street
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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<u>Owner:</u>	Isak Bader 92 Camp St. Providence, R.I.
<u>Date of Erection:</u>	1759
<u>Architect:</u>	Unknown
<u>Builder:</u>	Unknown
<u>Present Condition:</u>	Fair
<u>Number of Stories:</u>	2½
<u>Materials of Construction:</u>	Brick structure with gambrel roof and end chimneys, central hallway, fireplace set at corner angle to rooms, mantel cupboards. Closed string stairs with two-step turn at the top and turned balusters.
<u>Other Existing Records:</u>	Early Homes of Rhode Island--Downing, with drawing P.137, showing segmental window top in early brick houses. Reference to mantel shelves, P.161. Reference to gambrel roofed houses P.202. Photograph, 1865--Gertrude Selwyn Kimball, P.280--Providence in Colonial Times.
<u>Additional Data:</u>	Transcript of Records in Providence City Hall.
November 6, 1739.	Elder James Brown deeded to his son, Elisha, south half of lot, known as Lot 86.
April 2, 1744	Elisha Brown was highest bidder for his brother Jeremiah's land, Lot 85, north part of lot.

Data continued:

	1759	House built
August 22,	1770	Elisha Brown sold to Paul Bunker
June 28,	1776	Paul Bunker sold to Thomas Jenkins
December 6,	1782	Thomas Jenkins sold to Samuel Hamlin, south part, Lot 86.
January 26,	1784	Samuel Hamlin sold to Esek Aldrich, Lot 86.
January 3,	1787	Esek Aldrich sold to James Westcott, Lot 86.
September	1809	James Westcott sold to Benjamin Taylor.
	1817	North half of brick house destroyed. A small frame cottage has occupied the north site for many years.
May 21,	1830	Benjamin B. Taylor owned Lot 86. Property then started to be divided into different proportions, as 3/6 of a lot, 1/16, 1/2, etc.
August 19,	1889	Sarah E. Hull, Canterbury, Conn. received 1/16 part of Lot 86, by descent from her mother, Sarah A. Taylor Hubbard, which gave her full possession.
May 31,	1907	Sarah E. Hull deeded to Benjamin Hyman, Providence, R. I.
June 1,	1907	Benjamin Hyman deeded to Isak Bader, Providence, R. I.
	1937	Isak Bader owns property.


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